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Sir:

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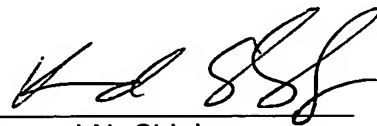
English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, English language abstracts are provided for the Examiner's convenience. The absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Documents A4, A5 and A6 are foreign counterparts of Documents A1, A2 and A3 respectively.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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